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Stephanie and Eugenia:

The CPG is not confident that it will be able to conduct CWCM Routine #5 during the week of Nov 12.

OSI has made a number of inquiries in the NY/NJ area in the past week and learned the following:

- 1) The Passaic River Yacht Club received 6 ft of water in the parking lot. The main dock is intact but full of their boats. The north dock was either removed or is gone. Several boats on blocks were lifted off and several landed on the truck stop rd (Scout Ave). Scout Ave and Gypsum Rd remain closed and the PRYC is waiting on an insurance adjuster before they move any of the boats. They are still without power.
- 2) OSI observed 4 stone barges tied up inside the Passaic River around RM1. They may have been secured here before the storm for shelter. Two of those barges are now aground on the bank of the river so there may be some upcoming activity to refloat these.
- 3) The city park in Bayonne is closed but the ramp appears to be in good shape. We don't know if the docks are still there or if they were pulled in advance. The City of Bayonne is still without power and the schools will remain closed through tomorrow.
- 4) Liberty Landing Park is closed and the entrance blocked by three park police cars. The ramp has sand on it but is only being used by the Coast Guard or by those with special permission from the on-site sergeant.
- 5) The USCG has posted that most commercial waterways are now open except for the southern half of the Arthur Kill, below the Goethals Bridge. This means all traffic comes in through the Kill Van Kull. We understand tanker was aground in the Arthur Kill.

Without use of PRYC, the CPG would need to move boats for miles to get on station and to transfer samples. AECOM and OSI are not sure that could make it work logistically.

The EPA and CPG should also discuss whether going out to conduct Routine #5, originally a Summer event, makes sense in early December ( early autumn). Two summer events (August 2011 as Routine #1 and the

Low Flow in early September 2012), Assuming conditions permit, the CPG can plan for Routine #5 in early December.

As you and discussed, you are having a conference call with the EPA project team later today to get an update. I believe the CPG would like to postpone CWCM Event 5 and submit a Force Majeure notification to EPA. I am discussing plans for Benthic Sediment sampling with WW as well - we believe we can proceed with that work next week as previously discussed

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